



MassDEP Grants at a Glance

Recycling Grants

Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP): This competitive Municipal Grant program provides funding for recycling, composting/organics, reuse, source reduction, policy development and enforcement activities that will increase diversion of municipal solid waste and household hazardous waste from disposal. MassDEP accepts applications between early April and mid June annually.

The grants are broken down into the following categories:

- **Waste Reduction and Organics Capacity Projects:** MassDEP is offering grants for local and regional projects in two categories: Waste Reduction and Organics Capacity. Successful proposals will be innovative, have value as a potential model, include a methodology for measuring results and will assist the Commonwealth in meeting its solid waste diversion goals. Projects must serve residents, businesses, public agencies, schools/institutions, or some combination thereof.
- **School Recycling:** This grant provides funding to a municipal or regional school district for implementation of a district-wide recycling program for paper, cardboard, bottles and cans in all schools and administrative offices. Applicants that have already established district-wide recycling may request funds to implement or expand an organics/food waste diversion program. Programs implemented through this grant must be institutionalized and sustained after the grant funding ends.
- **Pay as You Throw:** In a Save-Money-and-Reduce-Trash (SMART) or Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) solid waste program, residents purchase preprinted bags for disposal of trash, thereby paying directly for the amount of solid waste they generate. There is no direct fee for recycling. This creates a direct economic incentive to recycle more and to generate less waste. MassDEP is offering start-

up funds for new SMART/PAYT program implementation, and funds for specific program upgrades.

- **Wheeled Food Carts, Other Equipment:** This grant will assist municipalities with the purchase of wheeled carts for the implementation or expansion of a curbside wheeled cart program for single stream or dual stream recycling. Carts may also be used for recycling collection from multi-family buildings and small businesses that are served by the municipal solid waste/recycling program, and for curbside collection of organics (food waste).
- **Recycling Dividends Program:** The Recycling Dividends Program (RDP) will provide payments to municipalities that have implemented specific programs and policies proven to maximize reuse, recycling and waste reduction.
- **Small Scale Technical Assistance Grants:** This grant will provide funding for the purchase of designated materials and services (“items”) that will sustain existing municipal waste reduction programs or facilitate new, low-cost initiatives.
- **Mattress Recycling Incentives:** These grants, which provide for transportation and processing costs, encourage municipalities to source-separate mattresses for recycling and reuse.
- **Waste Reduction Enforcement Coordinator:** This grant provides funding to individual municipal applicants that will actively enforce mandatory recycling or trash limits. Savings realized, due to avoided disposal costs, often justify the continuation of the Enforcement Coordinator position after grant funding ends.

Additional Information

For more information on these grants, see:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dep/recycle/smrpguid.pdf>

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/recycle/grants/smrp-grants.html>

Or use this friendly link to find out who to call in your town:

<http://mass.gov/dep/muni-call>

Air Related Grants

- **Woodstove Change out Program (through MassCEC):** The Commonwealth Woodstove Change-Out Program, a partnership between MassCEC, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Energy Resources, offers rebates to assist Massachusetts residents in replacing non-EPA-certified woodstoves with cleaner, with more efficient EPA-certified wood or pellet stoves. The program is now open, offering standard rebates of up to \$1,250 and low-income rebates of up to \$2,250. Applications will be accepted until at least May 22, 2015. Many older stoves operate inefficiently, resulting in higher heating costs and emissions of harmful air pollutants that can increase the risk of heart conditions, trigger asthma attacks and aggravate lung diseases. By replacing an old stove with a high-efficiency, low-emissions wood or pellet stove, you can reduce your heating costs and improve local air quality. Massachusetts residents currently operating a non-EPA certified woodstove or fireplace insert are eligible to apply by visiting a participating stove professional, who will handle the application process on the residents' behalf. Before applying for a rebate, the resident must first decide to purchase the stove and make an initial down payment of at least 10% of total project costs.

Additional Information

For more information on these grants, see:

<http://www.masscec.com/programs/commonwealth-woodstove-change-out>

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- **Electric Vehicles and charging stations:** The Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (MassEVIP), administered by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), provides incentives to eligible entities for the acquisition of electric vehicles (EVs) and the installation of Level 2 dual-head charging stations. By launching MassEVIP, the Commonwealth demonstrated its commitment to increasing the deployment of EVs with the aim of giving these advanced technology vehicles higher visibility across the state.

Additional Information

For more information on these grants, see:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/air/grants/workplace-charging.html>

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Water Related Grants

- **Water Management Act / Sustainable Water Management Initiative (SWMI) grants:** These grants assist communities to implement Water Management Act (WMA) requirements, including the 2014 obligations added under SWMI. The Water Management Act governs large water withdrawals of greater than 100,000 gallons per day. Projects could include but not be limited to:
 - 1) planning projects for specific watersheds or subwatersheds to identify implementation projects to improve ecological conditions;
 - 2) demand management projects aimed to improve the efficiency of our use of water within a municipality or a watershed; and
 - 3) mitigation projects in the following categories: improve or increase instream flow, wastewater projects that keep water local including reductions in inflow and infiltration, stormwater management projects that improve recharge, reduce impervious cover and/or improve water quality, water supply operational improvements, habitat improvement, and other projects that can be demonstrated to mitigate the impacts of water withdrawals.

Additional Information

For more information on these grants, see:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dep/water/resources/07v5/14-swmip.pdf>

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- **Public Water Utility Planning and Technical Assistance Grants:** These grants were established by Ch.259 Acts of 2014, for comprehensive wastewater planning, asset management planning, or green infrastructure planning for public wastewater and drinking water

utilities. It is the intent of MassDEP to award grants for completed drinking water, wastewater or storm water planning that will allow a public utility system to outline long-term capital investments for existing infrastructure that will address environmental improvements.

Additional Information

For more information on these grants, see:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/grants/planning-and-technical-assistance-grants.html>

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- **Nonpoint Source Water Pollution Mitigation [Clean Water Act (CWA) Sect 319] grants:** These are Federal funds to cost share nonpoint source pollution mitigation projects. This grant program is authorized under Section 319 of the federal Clean Water Act for implementation projects that address the prevention, control, and abatement of nonpoint source (NPS) pollution. In general, eligible projects must: implement measures that address the prevention, control, and abatement of NPS pollution; target the major source(s) of nonpoint source pollution within a watershed/subwatershed; contain an appropriate method for evaluating the project results; and must address activities that are identified in the Massachusetts NPS Management Plan.

Additional Information

For more information on these grants, see:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/grants/watershed-s-water-quality.html>

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- **Nonpoint Source Water Pollution Assessment & Planning [Clean Water Act (CWA) Sect 604b] grants:** This grant program is authorized under the federal Clean Water Act Section 604(b) for water quality assessment and management planning related to nonpoint source water pollution. Eligible entities include: regional planning agencies, councils of governments, conservation districts,

counties, cities and towns, and other substate public planning agencies and interstate agencies. No local match is required.

Additional Information

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Oil Spill & Waste Site Cleanup Grants

- **Natural Resource Damages (NRD) Program:** These are grants to communities with natural resources affected by oil spills and releases of hazardous materials

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For more information on these grants, see:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/cleanup/nrd/>

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- **Marine Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act (MOSPRA) Program:** This is equipment and training for oil spill response to emergency responders in coastal communities.

Additional Information

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<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/cleanup/marine/oil-spill-training-and-equipment-resources.html>

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